

A LEGEND OF NEBRASKA

few years ago giving an account of Penaflores's expedition to the land of Quivera makes it possible to

It is impossible to tell exactly from the somewhat ambiguous records now on hand the exact point at which the famous metropolis of Quivera must have been located. But, after a careful comparison of measurements and descriptions given in the more or less desultory accounts, it is at least possible to approximate not only the course taken by the line of march, but the final point reached by each expedition.

As we left after the service, I was surprised to find out that I had just left home for the first time. It is believed that he marched 700 or 800 miles to a large Indian city extending three or four leagues along the stream. Whether he reached Knebsha cannot be ascertained, as it is not definitely known that the "200 leagues and farther" that he travelled from Santa Fe were directly toward the Pacific.

The Catholic priests, with all the energy and ardor that they displayed in their work in the new continent, made several excursions to the pilgrims thought to convert the heathen, but none of the pilgrims thought necessary to leave infinite records of the undertaking, and we are still in doubt not only as to the exact number of pilgrims who had reached the Pacific, but also as to the exact number of those who had returned.

of 1902. As a result, he was able to develop the brilliant and colorful career of a statesman and soldier. He was one of the few officers that charmed the spaniards in his age. Peralta was a Creole, born at Lima. In 1824, of illustrious descent. At the age of fifteen he was made regidor of the City of La Paz, afterward honorable and judge, then in turn captain of cavalry, governor of a Peruvian province, and finally president of the City of La Paz. He was a very independent character, and his quarrels with his brother and a despotic Spaniard resulted in his expatriation a few years later. He finally drifted or fled to Mexico. There fortune again favored him. The Viceroy of Mexico gave him high commands in the army, made him governor of several important provinces and, afterward, when he was thirty-six years of age, appointed him to the post of governor of the province of Sonora.

Each governor for more than a century had sought to annex new territories, to accumulate great wealth, to conquer new cities, and particularly to find and subdue the land of Quilvea, where he so self believed had sweet love played exquisite harmonies when stirred by the breeze and where the commenced were of beaten gold and silver.

At the time when the French were trying to conquer the Iroquois on Canadian shores and when New-England and Virginia were laying the foundation for a mighty government, Penaloza gathered his ex-

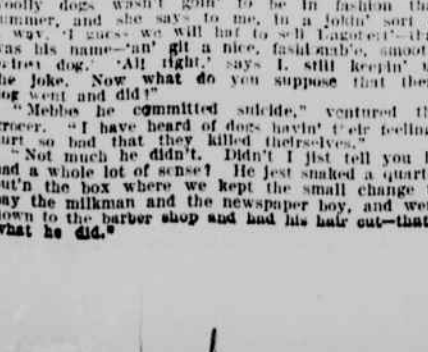
due to the ill health of his army, while for his personal case he had provided besides horses a commodious couch, a litter and two sedan-chairs."

For three months the expedition proceeded toward the north and east, across the fertile prairies of what is now Indian Territory and Kansas. They encountered many herds of buffalo, and the warriors tell us they were killed for food. The forests and rivers yielded fruits, oaks and deer, the flowers and foliage of the margin and clover, which had so delighted the Spaniards before. Their progress was impeded by a wide, swift-flowing river, where they met a war party consisting of 3,000 braves of the *Remanizates* Nation, who were on their way to make war upon one of the great cities of Quivira. Pemlosa and his followers, joining the war party, proceeded along the lower bank of the river until they came in sight of a high ridge, where the smoke warned them that they were not taking the natives unawares. Going still further they reached the point where a second river flowed into the one they had just met, and here the

ly attired chiefs, bringing gifts of otter, buffalo and deer skin, breads and meats in promise of the hospitable reception they should have when they entered the city. Two of the chiefs were detained by the court for a number of hours, but becoming suspicious of the cross-questioning, and even of the bland-

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